

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended): A pool cover drain for an above ground swimming pool, comprising:
 - a. a pool cover placed over said above ground swimming pool having disposed in a non-centric portion thereof a sealed, watertight pool cover drain;
 - b. attachment means for connecting a flexible hose to said pool cover drain and to a side wall drain in said swimming pool, for draining collected rainwater away from said pool cover;
 - c. sealed, weighted tubular element means disposed on said pool cover adjacent said water tight pool cover drain, for creating a depression in said pool cover with a low point contiguous to said pool cover drain to thereby direct collected rainwater on said pool cover along outside portions of said element means and into said pool cover drain-; and
 - d. said sealed, weighted tubular element comprising right angled weighted projections in one end to prevent rolling and displacement of said sealed weighted element over said pool cover.
2. (original): A pool cover drain as recited by claim 1, wherein said pool cover is composed of a polymeric material.

3. (original): A pool cover drain as recited by claim 1, wherein said pool has a substantially circular shape, and said pool cover drain is disposed in said pool cover and displaced from a central portion thereof by a length of about three quarters of its radius.
4. (original): A pool cover drain as recited by claim 1, wherein the said pool cover drain is attached to said pool cover with gaskets, a washer and a nut to create a water tight seal between said pool cover drain and said pool cover.
5. (original): A pool cover drain as recited by claim 1, wherein the said attachment means for connecting said flexible hose to said pool cover drain comprises a plurality of barbed fittings.
6. (original): A pool cover drain as recited by claim 1, wherein the said attachment means for connecting said flexible hose to said swimming pool sidewall drain comprises a plurality of barbed fittings.
7. (original): A pool cover drain as recited by claim 1, wherein the said depression creation means for creating a conical depression in said pool cover to direct rain water to said pool cover drain comprises a sealed weighted tubular element with its weighted end placed in proximity with said pool cover drain.
8. (currently amended): A pool cover drain as recited by claim ~~4~~7, wherein said sealed weighted tubular element comprises sand contained in said weighted end.
9. (cancelled)

10. (original): A pool cover drain as recited by claim 1, wherein said sealed weighted tubular element comprises sand contained within said right-angled projections.
11. (original): A method for draining rainwater collected over an above ground swimming pool cover, comprising the steps of:
- a. forming a sealed pool cover drain within a non-centrally located portion of said pool cover;
 - b. attaching a flexible hose to said pool cover drain, so that one side of said flexible hose is connected to a water outlet drain in the side wall of said above ground swimming pool below a water line, and the other side of said flexible hose is connected to a nipple on said pool cover drain;
 - c. placing the cover, together with said pool cover drain and said flexible hose attachment, over each side of said above ground swimming pool;
 - d. placing a sealed weighted tubular element with its weighted end in close proximity to said pool cover drain to create a conical depression in said swimming pool cover, so that collected rainwater runs along said sealed weighted tubular element and, optionally, through interior portions thereof, and into said pool cover drain; and
 - e. draining said collected rainwater from said pool cover drain to said sidewall drain outlet through a flexible hose.